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Based on recent report from Attache ^{PHNOM}~~Phnom~~ Penh and other intelligence data concern has been expressed here on current disposition of Cambodian forces along Route 6 and their vulnerabilities as dry season approaches. Obviously, tactics cannot be properly appraised from Washington perspective. However, we are concerned that Cambodian forces not undergo resounding defeat should enemy offensive capabilities build in weeks ahead. Question has been raised whether or not we should consider prevailing upon Cambodian leadership to reassess current dispositions along Route 6 and reduce their vulnerability to offensive action by the enemy. I would be grateful if you would give me your private assessment on this issue so that we can use it to alleviate concerns here.

Dr. Kissinger and President are most grateful for your perceptive and helpful analyses via this channel.

Best wishes.

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